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In re Application of BIRCH  
Serial No.: n/a  
Filed: Contemporaneous Herewith  
Entitled: Cylinder Valve  
Atty. Dkt.: M02B146

Group Art Unit: n/a  
Examiner: n/a

Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

The Examiner's attention is directed to the documents identified on the attached Form PTO/SB/08A "Information Disclosure Statement By Applicant." A copy of each non-US patent document is enclosed.

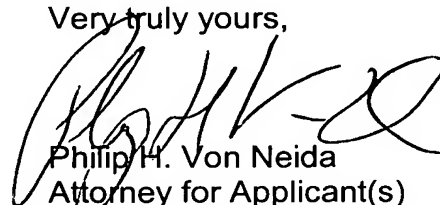
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In accordance with 37 CFR 1.97(b), no additional fee is due. As a precaution, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge to Deposit Account No. 02-2865 any fee required by this submission.

Very truly yours,

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